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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Entry of the following amendment prior to the first Official Action on the  
merits is respectfully requested:

**In the claims:**

In claim 1, line 10, please change "open the opening element" to – open the sealing  
part –.

**REMARKS**

Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully  
requested. Claims 1 to 17 are pending in the application. The present amendment is made to  
clarify the invention.

Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance, and such